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PUBLICATION IN INDIAN LANGUAGES
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Department of Publication has brought out the publications in Indian languages and particularly in Hindi and Marathi during the last three years and till date;

(b) if so, the titles of these publications particularly in the said languages separately;

(c) the language-wise expenditure incurred thereon along with the details of expenditure incurred on English publications in this regard;

(d) the normal size of each of the editions, language-wise; and

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to maximise the Indian language publications as compared to publications in English?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The Publications Division publishes books and journals in Hindi and Marathi, besides English and some other regional languages. The list of new publications in Hindi and Marathi brought out during the last three years, are given in the Annexure.

(c): The approximate expenditure incurred on the publication of new books in Hindi, Marathi and English during the last three years are as given below :-

Year New publications brought out (expenditure in rupees)

	Hindi	Marathi	English
1999-2000	8,30,300/-	1,37,000/-	22,13,000/-
2000-2001	14,75,000/-	Nil	39,46,000/-
2001-2002 (till date)	10,57,000/-	46,500/-	25,65,000/-

(d): The publications are generally produced in four sizes namely: A4 size (8.5`x 11`); A5 size (5.5`x 8.5`); B5 size (7.25`x 9.5`); and Royal 8vo size (6.5`x 9.5`). These sizes are adopted for all the languages.

Normally all editions of journals are done in A4 size; Children`s books in B5 size; Speeches in Royal 8vo size; and other books in A5 size.

(e): To promote and maximise publications in various Indian languages, the Publications Division is making efforts to get more and more books translated from one language to other Indian regional languages and also to bring out more original writings in Indian languages.